Development of Agro and Rural Industries

*171. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of agro and rural industries set up in the country;

(b) the schemes for setting up and development of agro and rural industries;

(c) the targets fixed for the current year; and

(d) the State-wise pace of progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) As on 31st March, 2003 a total number of 1,61,505 (one lakh sixty one thousand and five hundred five only) agro and rural industries projects have been financed and set up in the Country by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

(b) The Government is implementing the REGP through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for the promotion and development of agro and rural industries. Under this scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of SC/ST/OBC/Women/Physically Handicapped/ Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community Beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, it is 30% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks etc.

(c) The target for the current year is for the setting up of 25,253 (twenty five thousand two hundred fifty three only) projects which would generate 3,96,457 (three lakh ninety six thousand and four hundred fifty seven only) additional employment opportunities under the REGP.

(d) The details of State-wise progress made under REGP during the last two years are given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise project financed and employment generated during last two years under REGP

(Projects in No.)
(Employment in persons)

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	2001-2002		2002-2003	
		Project	Empl.	Project	Empl.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	797	23308	1818	34500
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	157	30	806
3.	Assam	199	2878	559	7003
4.	Bihar	37	552	229	1985
5.	Goa	482	5511	244	3556
6.	Gujarat	83	795	126	1717
7.	Haryana	511	16786	677	15964
8.	Himachal Pradesh	594	14845	423	11644
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	790	8052	105	3129
10.	Karnataka	1311	20459	1411	29846
11.	Kerala	1437	28305	789	21394
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1049	21492	703	10947
13.	Maharashtra	2564	31613	2249	27990
14.	Manipur	11	54	79	2196
15.	Meghalaya	157	1908	153	2515
16.	Mizoram	9	214	143	3970
17.	Nagaland	162	2931	64	981

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	2001-2002		2002-2003	
		Project	Empl.	Project	Empl.
18.	Orissa	619	5711	668	2816
19.	Punjab	1118	27115	1358	31481
20.	Rajasthan	2647	46724	3036	43041
21.	Sikkim	0	0	16	120
22.	Tamil Nadu	598	11011	764	11017
23.	Tripura	25	702	141	2021
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1863	43202	1677	42652
25.	West Bengal	2892	16159	2459	22531
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	50	376	196	1392
27.	Delhi	31	299	9	293
28.	Chandigarh	119	805	1	07
29.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	1	14	5	192
30.	Pondicherry	6	80	3	05
31.	Lakshadweep	1	46	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
33.	Chhattisgarh	139	4445	216	754
34.	Jharkhand	191	1306	298	9398
35.	Uttaranchal	269	5333	375	6881
	TOTAL:	20767	343010	21024	361006

Nominees to the Central Board of Trustees of EPF

*172. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which Government have kept the CITU and AITUC nominees out of the Central Board of Trustees of Employees Provident Fund (EPF); and